

Kauai County Housing Agency
Legal Public Notice for Public Comment
On Draft Substantial Amendments to the County of Kauai's
Citizen Participation Plan, Annual Action Plan PY19,
Draft Consolidated Plan 2020-2025 and Draft Annual Action Plan PY20

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, the Kauai County Housing Agency (KCHA) gives notice of draft substantial amendments to: 1) Annual Action Plan (AAP) for PY19; 2) Citizen Participation Plan (CPP); and 3) changes to the draft Consolidated Plan (CP) 2020-2025; and 4) draft Annual Action Plan for PY20.

AMENDMENTS:

AAP PY19 - Under the CARES Act, KCHA will receive \$412,929 in CDBG-CV grant funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The County proposes to reprogram and add unexpended CDBG PY19 grant funds in the amount of \$465,752 that will be used to facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19. Eligible CDBG-CV activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low- to moderate-income households with rental or mortgage assistance for no more than three months, delivery/grab-and-go meal programs, homeless emergency shelter, and support of other COVID-19 response services.

Proposed Activities:

Project: COVID-19 Emergency Housing and Utilities Assistance - \$400,000
Organization: Malama Pono Health Services and Family Life Center
Project: Kupuna Kare for Farmer Fare - \$150,000
Organization: County of Kauai - OED
Project: Kauhale Project - Kauai - \$246,095
Organization: Kauai County Housing Agency
Project: CDBG-CV Administration - \$82,586

CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2020-2025 and CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN - The County proposes to amend the draft CP 2020-2025 and its CPP which describes the County's policies and procedures for involving citizen participation in the administration of its federally-funded CPD Programs. The CPP amendment includes information on exemptions related to disaster response and recovery, and urgent needs. The draft CP amendment includes information on the Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments. An AI study was completed in conjunction with other state and county agencies as a requirement for receiving federal funds for various housing programs. The County proposes to amend the CP to include the impediments found and the actions to address impediments.

AAP PY20 - The County proposes to amend the draft AAP20 to repurpose CDBG grant funds in the amount of \$300,000 to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Proposed Activities:

Project: Kauhale Project - Kauai - \$300,000
Organization: Kauai County Housing Agency

Selection Process - Due to the urgent need to quickly disburse funds in the community, KCHA is implementing a waiver to the normal 30-day public comment period in favor of a 5-day public comment period. The County will draft a criteria

and selection process for subrecipients and projects that is fair, reasonable and meets the needs of the community, program requirements, and the CARES Act. Additionally, KCHA may choose to administer a housing project to address COVID-19 related needs.

The proposed amendments to the County's draft CP 2020-2025, the draft AAP PY19, the draft AAP PY20, draft CPP, and the Fair Housing AI Study are available for review on our website at www.kauai.gov/Housing. Pursuant to the Supplementary Emergency Proclamation dated March 16, 2020, issued by Governor David Y. Ige, for social distancing practices, the County will forego a public hearing. The public is invited to provide written comment on the proposed substantial amendments which can be faxed to 808-241-5118 or emailed to kbarros@kauai.gov by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. All written comments will be considered in preparing the final Substantial Amendments.

If you need other accommodations due to a disability, contact Chong U at 241-4444 or email csu@kauai.gov as soon as possible. Upon request, draft substantial amendments and the AI study is available in alternate formats, such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

By order of the Mayor
County of Kauai
Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor
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